

tained the second year as pastor. Work without planning is not what it should be. I hope to report a good ingathering at a future date. In this year also I have served six months as pastor pro tem for the Dunlaps congregation. How I do enjoy their associations, and may God help our dear Brother Bemenderfer in his work there in future time. Their protracted meeting, although not blessed in number, was a power for good. Brother Ditch is surely a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. May God help him wherever he may be.

My sincere thanks are returned to those who have given me such wholesome advice. Such noble men as Rench, Perry, Yoder, Flora and Ditch, and as we start on the year's work we ask the prayers of all for the success of God's kingdom at Elkhart. Brethren, pray for us.

L. O. HUBBARD.

#### Kanemorado Notes

Yes, Brother Holsinger, we are getting tired of parading the college debt before the brethren and I do pray that it will soon be a thing of the past. I am still at work in our district to redeem our credit and I am still hopeful of success. Whether we will be able against January 1, 1898, or not, is yet to be seen, but if a few of our stronger churches do their whole duty I believe we will. and then we will have a glorious jubilee. Have been a little detained in getting to Portis, Beaver City and Carleton. But wake up, brethren, we are coming.

A. J. HIXSON.

#### Homerville, Ohio

*Dear Brother Gnagey:*—"What everybody says must be true." Every one with whom I have talked concerning our church paper, says the paper is splendid, better than it ever was, and I think so myself. I have consented to act as your agent here in the Homer church for the coming year. I wish that every one who contemplates reading the church paper for the next year would read brother Jacob C. Cassel's open letter in BRETHREN EVANGELIST No. 47, page 12.

Some wonder why only new subscribers get the paper for one dollar. I don't. Had they always read all the editorials they would know too.

Our people who were at church today heard an able sermon from Luke 16:15. The mission at Chicago and Brother McFaden got a grand send off, as well as Washington D. C., and Dayton, Ohio. The preacher told us how our Brother McFaden went into the work among the poor with a will and that he was having grand success, but that these missionaries must have something to eat and clothes to put on, etc., etc., and after the sermon he asked every one to give something to the Lord, and that in due time the reward would come back to them with interest. The treasurer took up a free will offering. The amount I will not name. (Were it \$100 and I'd name it people might think I did it for show and since it is less) I will leave it with

the widow's mite, for I know that she received a blessing and so will we, if given aright. Every one says that was a grand sermon, hence it fits the heading of this article.

Our pastor also tells his flock that every family ought to read our church paper. This is what every pastor should say.

I wish I could say only nineteen days and Ashland College will be free from debt. If I should say so and it would turn out to be a real fact, how glad I would be, and others too, even those who don't seem to care whether the institution is saved to the Brethren church or not, would be glad. Every pastor of our church should say to their members, "This is but a small matter considered in dollars and cents, but a matter of greater importance in honor, and we must meet this obligation." We must make our people realize that it is a duty and the debt will be wiped out by Jan. 1, 1898. But some of our pastors are poorly paid for their work among their members, and they hate to urge their members to reach down into their pockets and bring out the where with to pay off the college debt. Almost any member of the Brethren church will admit that it is a shame to lose Ashland college for want of a few thousand dollars, and what everybody confesses must be true.

D. J. MYERS.

#### Grravelton, Ind.

Our protracted meeting and communion is past. Brother Wirick came to our church and preached nearly two weeks. He preached such powerful sermons that I can't see how any sinner in the house could stay away from Christ. Two young ladies came to Christ and were baptized with him and arose to walk with him in newness of life. Brethren and sisters let us be kind to them and encourage them. Brother Wirick, come again, you are always welcome. Many were sorry that you did not come back.

The S. S. C. E. met at Sister Clouce's and reorganized and the following officers were elected for next year: Sister Hunsicker, president; Sister Clouce, assistant; Sister Clouce, treasurer; sister Ollie Fuller, secretary; the writer corresponding secretary. We paid for our new lamp and settled another debt. We had a very good meeting for which we thank God. Pray for us, sisters.

MRS. MARGARET J. CLARK.

#### Gretna, O.

*Dear Evangelist:*—We commenced our protracted meeting here Nov. the 28. Have been having good attendance and good interest and the Lord has blessed our labors. One came out on Wednesday night, two on Thursday night and one last night, making four up to the date, with favorable prospects for more to follow. We will report in full when we close our work here.

Will commence our meeting at West Independence Jan. 2.

M. S. WHITE.

#### Pleasant Home, O.

The brethren of the Zions Hill church have been faithfully standing by their pastor and God is blessing them for it. We have been preaching for two weeks, thus far nine have confessed Christ, six of whom have been baptized. The prospect for more is good. we will continue the meeting; more later on.

WM. KIEFER, Pastor.

#### A Surprise

The Meyersdale sisters and brethren surprised us on Thursday evening, the 16th, took possession of the parsonage, made us all feel happy and left us a great deal better off when they retired. A beautiful souvenir quilt was among the presents to Mrs. Mackey, while the pastor and Herbert were generously remembered.

The next year will separate us from this people; but wherever we go we shall not forget their continued and uniform kindness.

J. C. MACKEY.

Meyersdale, Pa.

#### Syracuse, Ind.

The work at Syracuse has been at a standstill for some time, but am glad to say it is on the move now. At our last appointment God gave us a message that went straight to the hearts of the people. One good sister made a confession, others were near the kingdom and the entire audience was deeply impressed. Monday morning found us at the river side for baptism and while the wind and water were somewhat cold, it was indeed a heart warming time.

The sisters and young folks have now set to work to get an organ. They are making a quilt on which they will put your name and a passage of scripture if you will kindly hand them ten cents. When it is completed it will be sent to Brother McFaden to be placed in the hospital and thus we hope to do good in two ways. It has been a hard struggle for life with the few here, but by the aid of God they are going to pull the load. Will you help us by your prayers?

A. T. WIRICK.

#### Troy, O.

Saturday morning Dec. 11, I received a telegram from Columbia, Ohio, sent by brother S. Mikesell, reading thus—"Go to Troy in morning, preach, Delaney sick." Obedient to the call I went Sunday morning. Contrary to my expectations I found Brother Delaney nicely housed in the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Shuss, apparently convalescent, hoping to be able to attend the evening service. This hope however, was not realized.

At about 7:30 P. M. a physician was called to his bedside. Near midnight he was again brought in and remained until 3:30 in the morning. At that time the patient was in the embrace of natural sleep, and brother Adam Shuss took the doctor to his home and the writer to the depot. Since then I have heard nothing of this young consecrated expounder